

Energize Indiana Update  
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### New leader, new ideas come together at Bloomington forum



New Indiana University President Adam Herbert discusses his support for Energize Indiana with Gov. O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Kernan before the EI forum Wednesday. EI gave authority to IU to borrow money to build the \$32 million multi-disciplinary science building on the Bloomington campus.

### The News in Brief...

#### IU campus bustles with returning students, Energize Indiana forum

As new faces arrived on campus at Indiana University Wednesday, so did Governor Frank O'Bannon, Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan and more than 150 elected officials, businesspeople and community leaders, who gathered to talk about the state's Energize Indiana job creation program.

The forum in Bloomington marks the ninth of 12 forums across the state that the governor, lieutenant governor and five agency heads are hosting in each Commerce region. The next forum will be in Indianapolis Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

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**"We're a very technology-oriented company, and we have to keep training our employees to keep up with the technology."**

Diane Fisher, president, L & D Mail Masters, after attending the Energize Indiana forum in New Albany and learning about EI training grants. L & D is a direct mail processing company with 97 employees. (*The Courier-Journal, Louisville, 8-22-03*)



Gov. O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Kernan with [Region 10 Commerce staff](#): Program Manager Manasi Watts, Director Doris Sims and Administrative Coordinator Amanda Rhinehart.

### Economic profile:

#### Department of Commerce Region 10

Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Greene, Jackson, Jennings, Lawrence, Monroe and Owen counties

#### Profile: Region is hub for business and education

Region 10 is an employment hub with 22 major employers (each with more than 500 employees); a transportation hub with \$8 billion a year in shipments from the region's manufacturers; and an educational hub with IU's Bloomington campus, two Ivy Tech campuses and IU-Purdue University at Columbus.

#### Success story: Indiana Enterprise Center (IEC)

The former Thomson RCA site in Bloomington is being redeveloped into a multi-use business park known as the [Indiana Enterprise Center](#). The 200-acre site's tenants include two warehouse distributors, as well as the site's newest tenant, PTS Electronics, which brought 300 advanced manufacturing jobs to Bloomington. The center also has space available for medical and office use and other new businesses. The site is surrounded by fiber optics, making it prime for telecommunications expansion.

### For more about Energize Indiana:

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